



Wednesday, March 25, 2020
Dr. Mark Gotcher, Superintendent

For immediate release

Superintendent's Message following RSD Board Meeting

- RSD will continue to pay ALL RSD employees during the mandated school closings. Contract employees will be on call to serve wherever needs should arise in the future.
- RSD will continue to feed students throughout the remainder of the school year.
- PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for current volunteers working with the public is being provided at this time. We are working under the guidelines given by the state and will continue to do so.
- RSD Leadership will meet on Monday, March 30, and will devise plans on how to assist our Seniors, and prepare a plan for Kindergarten Registration.
- RHS Prom is temporarily postponed. RHS will not have Prom on April 18. A new date will be delivered as we follow the current situation and guidelines. In the meantime A Facebook Group-RHS Class of 2020 has been created for parents and students to follow for more information.
- Graduation is still scheduled for May 16, but will not be held at ATU's Tucker Coliseum. Details are still to be determined. We will make necessary adjustments as guided by Federal and State officials regarding social gatherings.
- Seniors that are in good standing as of the third nine weeks reporting period will be considered to have met graduation requirements for the state. However, the state clarified that local decisions should still be made to determine local graduation requirements.
- Each Senior was sent an email from an ATU Supervisor as well as their RHS Advisor. The e-mail stated exact instructions detailing what they needed to do in order for them to receive college credit for their concurrent credit class.
- The status for Concurrent Credit for Seniors & AP Classes for College Credits is currently that students enrolled for weighted credit such as AP will still receive weighted credit regardless of the student's ability to take an assessment. However, they must take the AP Exam to receive college credit.
- No additional AP information has been sent out since the end of third nine weeks. The Department has modified testing to only include information during that reporting period. We will keep our AP students posted as we receive new information.
- Information on AMI Packets- teachers and administrators will meet on Monday, March 30, to determine the next delivery of Learning Tasks (AMI) scheduled to begin on April 6.
- Information for IEP Students- our offices are continuing to communicate with families (including our homeless and migrant families) twice per week.
- Information for English Learners- all AMI packets have been translated to Spanish. The ESL administration is communicating regularly with students and translating when necessary.

Information is changing daily in this unprecedented season. All information listed above is current as of March 25, 2020. Daily updates from the Superintendent's office will be posted on the RSD website, Facebook, and Twitter accounts and will provide the latest information beginning Monday, March 30. If you have any questions or concerns with the above information, please call your student's school or the Central Office at 479-968-1306, and we will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mark Gotcher
RSD Superintendent